

REMARKS

The title of the invention has been amended so that it is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. At the suggestion of the Examiner, Applicant has deleted the phrase “AND METHOD” from the title.

Applicant has amended paragraph [0080] in the specification to include the language from original claim 9 of the parent application which provides for a pressure of “approximately 20 to 150 psi”. Therefore, the specification now provides antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. Applicant submits that no new matter was added by this amendment.

Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 10 and 21-41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1 and 21 were amended to include the limitation that the bed support be capable of resisting the process fluid pressure required to move said process liquid through said filter bed at said pressure. This amendment to the claims was recommended by the Examiner and is supported by the specification. Applicant submits that no new matter was added by this amendment.

Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 10 and 21-41 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-4 of U.S. Patent No. 6,638,422. Applicant hereby submits a terminal disclaimer to overcome this rejection. Therefore, Applicant submits that this rejection has been overcome.

Because of the amendments to the claims of the present application, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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